

Dear FCC, please leave XM Satellite alone reject the NAB's petition 04-160. Satellite radio provides me consistent reception, variety and quality that is not available from broadcast radio. Coast to coast I can count on listening to commercial (and blather free) programming. With the recent addition of traffic & weather I like XM even more. I can count on clear/concise information in a format that I can comprehend whether I am in Boston or Los Angeles. I don't have to waste my time trying to figure out local slang such as "jam at the orange crush" XM gives me the information straight.

I never envisioned myself paying for radio but once I tried satellite radio, I can't think of going back to conventional broadcast radio. The fact that I fork over my hard earned money should be a measure of my conviction in the value proposition it offers.

For once, please step away from special interest politics and lobbying pressures to do the right thing ... offer consumers a choice and let them be the decision maker rather than stifling innovation and commandeering the airwaves.